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Hildigunnur (Hidda) Thorsteinsson
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Geothermal Technologies Program
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Ms. Thorsteinsson,

The Arizona Corporation Commission ("ACC") supports the efforts of Navopache Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("NEC") in its effort to secure funding from the Department of Energy ("DOE") to develop a geothermal energy resource in the state of Arizona.

Black & Veatch Corporation, in collaboration with GeothermEx, Inc., recently completed a thorough feasibility study which concludes that a 5 megawatt Enhanced Geothermal System ("EGS") installation is a viable option within the NEC service territory on both a technological and economic basis.

The State of Arizona has adopted aggressive renewable energy requirements for regulated electric utilities such as NEC. The development of an EGS resource in Arizona will provide a significant advancement in our nationwide pursuit to adopt and promote alternative energy technologies.

NEC has been a leader among our state's rural electric cooperatives in supporting and integrating renewable energy resources with traditional sources of power generation. The NEC EGS project will provide base load renewable energy generation to compliment the photovoltaic and wind resources which have already been deployed in the region.

We believe that geothermal energy production will greatly assist in our nation's goal to utilize proven alternative energy sources for the benefit of our citizens today and for generations to come.

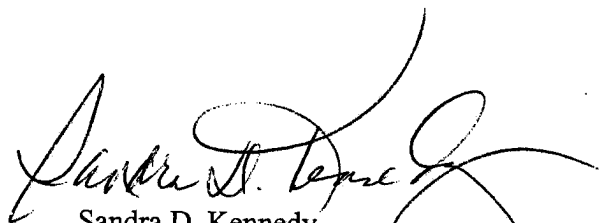
We urge the DOE to approve NEC's EGS funding proposal so that this project can be successfully developed and advance the state of the art in geothermal energy production.

Sincerely,

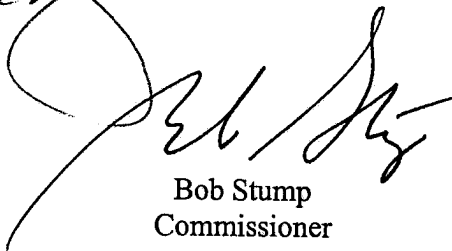
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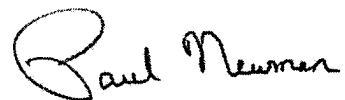
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